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APPLICATION No.: 09/420,659

FILED: OCTOBER 19, 1999

FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
RETAINING A TRAY STACK HAVING A  
PLURALITY OF TRAYS FOR CARRYING  
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES**

EXAMINER: JANICE LEE KRIZEK

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Sir:

The present communication is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (37 C.F.R. § 1.114). Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.